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of the lands to be served by the canal was not exhaustive. A revised list, including *all* the lands, should be caused to be prepared, and the interest to be recovered then rateably distributed among all the lands.

Dewan's reply.—The Dewan Peishkar is enquiring into the matter and the Member's representations will be considered when the Peishkar's report is received.

8. Grant of Venthazhivu and Tharisu remissions for the lands under the Thovala channel.

Mr. Ibrahim Pillai Syed Mahomed (Member, Nominated) said that, owing to the poverty of the soil, the crops died out in the case of certain lands under the Thovala channel. The ryots used to call this *venthazhivu*. Remissions for *venthazhivu* and *tharisu* were being granted for the *puravus* under the Pazhayar for a long time past. It was true that such remissions were not hitherto granted for the lands under the Thovala channel, but that was because the latter were not taken up for cultivation, owing to the want of water facilities. Water was now available and the ryots were taking up such lands for cultivation. The Member prayed therefore that the lands under the Thovala channel might be allowed remissions for *venthazhivu* and *tharisu*, as were allowed in the case of the lands under the Pazhayar. There would be about 200 acres of such lands requiring the concession.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

9. Restoration of the bunds of paddy fields, irrigation tanks, channels &c., in the interests of the agriculturists.

Mr. Krishnan Easwaren (Member, Nedumangad Taluk) said that sufficient lands had not been set apart for the use of the ryots for taking manure and for grazing their cattle. The few lands that were set apart here and there were practically useless. He therefore suggested that the *Poramboke* lands adjoining paddy fields and all other unregistered lands in convenient places might be set apart as manure and grazing grounds, free of all interference by the Forest Department.

The Member said that the next point he wished to bring to the notice of the Government was that most of the irrigation tanks and channels were silted up and some of them had also been registered. These latter should be acquired and the tanks and channels restored to their original condition. A few aqueducts were also necessary in some channels for diverting water to the lands having no irrigation tanks. These should also be provided. A portion of the amount spent in restoring the irrigation sources and maintaining them annually might be recovered from the ryots and the balance met by the Government.

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The Member also suggested that the owners of paddy fields should be directed to protect and keep in proper repair the irrigation channels and canals running along their lands and the banks of such channels and canals, and, in the event of default, the Provertikars should have power to recover from the defaulters the losses caused to the adjoining land-owners by the inattention, and pay the same to such land-owners.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

10. Reservation of certain Puduval and Poramboke lands in some localities near agricultural centres for the benefit of the Pulayas and kindred depressed classes.

Mr. P. K. Govinda Pillai (Member, Nominated) said that the total population of Pulayas in the State numbered about 5 lacs, and of these about one-third were in South Travancore and two-thirds in North Travancore. These classes were labouring under special disabilities, and one of the difficulties was in the matter of finding lands for their habitations. While other Members were advocating the necessity for affording facilities for improving the lands they owned, he prayed, on behalf of the large number of Pulayas whom he represented, for some lands being registered in the names of the Pulayas, on which they might put up huts and which they might cultivate for their benefit. It would be conceded that, without the help of the Pulayas, the wealthy land-owners could not cultivate their lands. Most of the waste lands in the State had already been registered. But there still remained some unregistered lands fit for cultivation in North Travancore. In the Nedumangad, Pathanapuram and Kottarakara taluks, some *Puduval* lands were available for registry and similar areas could be found in other taluks also. Those lands should be registered in the names of the Pulayas who might apply for them. At present, no consideration whatever was paid by the Revenue authorities to the applications of the Pulayas, and there were several cases in which the lands applied for by them were assigned to other more influential persons subsequent to their application. In addition to their applications being disregarded, the Pulaya applicants were also subjected to much ill-treatment in some cases for having made the applications. Having regard to their depressed condition, and consistently with the policy of the Government to lift them up as much as possible, the Member prayed that the applications of the Pulayas for lands migh tbe given preferential consideration.

There were also several bunds adjoining paddy fields and other *Poramboke* bunds. If these were registered in the names of the adjacent land-owners, it would have been a right course, but it was not so done. The Member

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